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TO HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM

EARL OF

HARRINGTON,

Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of

IRELAND,

As it was presented to him,

On TUESDAY the Third Instant;

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CITIZENS of *Dublin*, and to the FREE and LOYAL SUB-
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W H E N the PUBLIC LIBERTIES are in any Instance invaded, struck at, or threatened, I can not be Silent. It is a delicate Sense of Your Danger, not mine own, that alarms me, and moves me to call upon You, in this abrupt Manner; and as I write in the midst of Noise and Hurry, You must excuse much Irregularity and Inconnection.

I NEED not trouble You with enumerating the many Efforts, I have made for the *Restoration* and *Support* of the RIGHTS and LIBERTIES of my Fellow-Subjects. The Reception, You gave my poor indigested Papers fully shews, You regarded the Substance and considered the Intention, not the outward Form or Dress.

My Views You construed charitably and justly, which encouraged me to proceed to assert the FREEDOM and RIGHTS of *my Country and City*, as the best Service I could render the best of KINGS, and his Kingdoms in general : For, his *Greatness and Glory*, and the *Freedom and Happiness* of the Subjects of his Dominions, stand upon the same Foundation ; they must rise or fall together : Therefore, he that would raise the *one*, must always promote the *other* ; and he, that annoys the Subject, or with-holds his Rights or Privilege, in a single Point, strikes at the *Throne*, and

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though remotely, perhaps superficially, wounds the SOVEREIGN: So mutual and inseparable are their Interests.

I COULD not then consistent with the Duty of a good Citizen, or a loyal Subject, to HIS KING, to HIS COUNTRY, to HIS CITY, and to HIMSELF, over-look any Incroachment made on the PUBLIC RIGHTS of the PEOPLE, and much less could I see, unmoved, any *Invasion* on, or *Infringement* of, the *Principles* of our inestimable Frame of Government.

THEREFORE, unqualified as I happened to be for the Task, I thought it incumbent on me to stand forth and give all just and legal Opposition to all such Measures, as tended, in the least, to the Destruction or Prejudice of our inimitable System of civil Society; since none of the more powerful and better qualified would imbarque in the hazardous Warfare.

I WAS not insensible of the Dangers and Difficulties, I had to encounter: I saw a Deluge of *Ignorance*, *Corruption* and *Slavery*, had so far over-run the Councils of the City, and a *servile*, *abject Complacency* and a *solemn Respect* and *Reverence*, not much removed from *Idolatry*, universally payed to *Oppulence*, that, almost all Places of Honor, Profit, or Trust in the State, were filled, as *blind Fortune* dictated, without the least Regard to Merit or the requisite Qualifications!

IF, under such Circumstances, LIBERTY and LOYALTY had hitherto in any Shape or Degree subsisted or appeared among Us; sure, it must be confessed, more owing to *Chance*, than *good Conduct*! And, did it not become the indispensable Duty of every good Member of Society, to restore LIBERTY and LOYALTY, to establish them upon rational, and just Principles, and not to leave them upon so precarious a Footing, as *blind Chance*, or *dependent* on the Breath of *an Man's Mouth*?

THUS have I endeavored to do, and this did, as I always expected it must, raise me many powerful Enemies. Had I SELF only in View, I might have steered a securer Course. I might have put on the
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Mask of the Times, and sold my LIBERTY, *Sense* and LOYALTY, at as high a Price, as some of my Contemporaries. I might, as the Fashion is, have given up *one Point* to gain *another*; and so trucked and bartered away the LIBERTIES of my Country, for *private Gain*. This would have been *worldly wise*; indeed, *prudent* and *politic*, in the common Acceptation; very true. But, what is all this mighty Matter to me? Or, what can recompence the making a *Wreck* of my Conscience? Who can be so base as to imagine, that I could have suffered my self to be plucked from my safe and peaceful Obscurity, to devote my whole time to the most painful and hazardous Toils and Labors, to spend the ordinary Hours of Repast, Recreation and Rest, in tedious Watchings, and a continual perilous Warfare, against *Principalities*, against *Powers*, against *Spiritual Wickedness* in *high Place*, against the *Rulers* of the *Darkness* of this *little World*, for any End it could possibly serve my private Person? There can, I presume, be none so profligate, as to suspect it. The Pomp and Majesty of the Universe can afford me nothing, that is pleasing or desirable, without all the LIBERTY, the Law allows. Nor could the fullest Enjoyment of it content me, while a single Fellow-Creature under the same Government, stood robbed of his *Privileges*, without the Authority or Benefit of the *Law*. I know no Medium in our Government, between perfect LIBERTY and abject *Slavery*. The Laws of our Country expressly declare, We are FREE and INDEPENDENT of all Legislatures, but OUR OWN. And consequently, that We can be bound by no Laws, but such as are, or shall be made by *our own* free and voluntary *Consent*, in OUR LEGISLATURE, consisting of the KING, or his *Vice-gerent*, the LORDS and COMMONS of the *Realm* in PARLEMENT assembled. But, though the contradicting this be no better, than *high Treason*; yet, You find it publicly, forcibly contradicted, by Men of Rank, Dignity and Power, within your Kingdom! and no Man is looked upon with more Indignation, or threatened with
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more Fury, Rage and Violence, than he, that dare assert the Laws of his Country, for the Honor and Interest of the KING and HIS PEOPLE, which are, and ever must be mutual, reciprocal and inseparable !

WHAT Attempts have not been made to abuse me and prejudice me in the Eyes of the Public ? Of what Class of Men among Us was there a *venal Slave*, an *Hireling*, or *Prostitute* to be had, that was not stirred up against me to write, to brawl, to insult, to scuffle, to preach against me ? Have not our Goals been gleaned for Scribes for our Enemies ? and will any Thing else sate their malignant Rage, but appointing me to the *Slaughter* ? What Compliments do these *little Tyrants* and their *Parasite* pay themselves, when they thus set themselves against the Assertors of TRUTH, LIBERTY and LOYALTY, and confess themselves injured by attempting to restore, or secure the PUBLIC LIBERTIES ? Of what Importance do they render me, when they make me the sole Object of their Fury and Resentment ? And, what an Insult do they offer the whole Community, when they would insinuate, that there is none among You, to give them Opposition, when they once subdue me ?

I TRUST in JUST PROVIDENCE, the *Enemies* of LIBERTY, who are, and must be *Enemies* to the KING and HIS PEOPLE, to GOD and MAN, will, in all Respects, find themselves mistaken and undone : That You have a just Sense of VIRTUE and TRUE RELIGION, which must ever beget and support LIBERTY and LOYALTY ; and that You will never be discouraged, or dismayed, by the Violence, Injustice and Inhumanity offered to me, or threatened to be executed upon me ; and then, You certainly can never want more potent Champions and Advocates for the Cause of TRUTH and LIBERTY, than I ; let my Fate be the worst they can devise, or denounce. For my Part, though I am publicly *prejudged* in every Court, though You are, without Reserve, told, what I am to suffer before every *Tribunal*, to which I am to be hauled ; as peremptorily, as if *Expulsion*, or *Hang- ing*, went like *Kisses*, by *Courtesy*, among You, or
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were to be done, at the *arbitrary Commands* of some *great Individual*, in the Kingdom; yet, I stand more firm and unmoved, than I should in the closest Caresses of the Great. I am unshaken and immoveable in my Purposes. And, I must continue so, while I am convinced that I am right, though *Tyrants*, were able to shake the Poles, or reduce the Globe to Atoms.

WHO can be so Senseless, so short-sighted a *Slave*, as to prefer the Vain, the transitory Alurements of a short-lived, unsteady World, to the sure, plenary and permanent Joys of a Kingdom, whose Splendor outshines the Sun, and whose duration will exceed the bounds and End of Time? Who can think of bartering inconceivable and eternal Glory, for a little Vain, temporary Pomp and Power, in Comparison, a mere Dream of empty Grandeur! Let him, that can do this, joyn in all the Follies and Vices of the Age. In these, let him sooth and flatter himself and all his *Superiors*. To them let him be a tame *Slave*, that he may, in his turn, the more securely enslave his *Inferiors*. Let him turn *Religion* to a jest, or, to a *Trade*, and mock his God. Let him say to the KING, or his REPRESENTATIVE, — *hush!* ALL is well! — when the *People* are *robbed* and *enslaved*; and let him persuade, that the *Groans* and *Screeches*, of the *plundered*, the *galled*, the *wounded*, the *maimed*, and the *murdered* loyal Subjects, are but the Cries of *justified Malecontents*, or *Criminals*, or the Songs and Acclamations of *contented Slaves*. Then let him plume himself with the public Spoils, and for every Feather he adds to his Cap, give an incurable Wound to the LIBERTIES of his Country, not only for the present, but to Generations yet unborn.

I AM not, MY FRIENDS, qualified for these Purposes. Perhaps, it is the Fault of mine Education. I was taught never to think of gratifying the Palates of my Friends, when I consulted their Health; and when their Appetites were longing after improper, or unwholesom things, I learned early to give them unfavoury *Remedies* and *bitter Potions*; to restore their depraved

depraved and vitiated Constitutions, without considering whether it was suitable or pleasing to their Taste, or not.

Now, this blunt, plane, honest and disagreeable Course, I chose to follow in all other Matters. I have spoke the *bitter Draught of Truth* to all Men, for *Truth's* Sake, not regarding whom it might please or displease. I have, in my low and contracted Sphere, asserted LIBERTY, for FAIR LIBERTY's Sake, without any Dread of the Frowns or Menaces of *grand* or *petit Tyrants*. I have vindicated the Honor of MY SOVEREIGN, and of his Subjects and Dominions, in general, of those of his KINGDOM of IRELAND, in particular. I have layed open the *Wounds* and *Bruises* and *putrifying Sores* brought on this unhappy City, and shewed the natural and legal Rights and Privileges of the Citizens, and by whom they were infringed and invaded. I have disclosed these Grievances in a Court of Law. I did not obtain the Redress, to which, I apprehended, We were by Law intitled, and I complained of the Original, with the additional, Grievances to the Lord Lieutenant, the KING's *Vice-gerent*, with no better Success. I then, took the Liberty, to which I am by Law intitled, of laying the whole Grievances before the KING. I did this from the fullest Sense of Affection, Duty and Allegiance, and in the best Terms, I was able to express. I offered it to the LORDS JUSTICES, as the only Persons, through whose Hands, I apprehended the *Irish* Subjects had a Right to convey such an Address to the CROWN. It is returned and suppressed, and I am to be persecuted for none other Crime, than religiously observing and fulfilling the most SACRED BONDS between the *Subject* and SOVEREIGN, in the express Words of the OATHS of *Allegiance* and *Supremacy*! What should I have suffered, had I broke *Faith* and *Allegiance* with my PRINCE? I could not possibly have suffered, by any Law in Being, what I am now threatened! Ask, is there a *Reproach*, a *Disgrace*, an *Infamy*, a *Torture*, a *Death*, that is not denounced against, nay prepared for me? Had I been an approved Offender, a Mur-

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dever, or a *Traitor*, I might, have hoped for some Favor, some Mercy. I might have sued out a *Noli prosequi*. But, where *speaking TRUTH* and *asserting PUBLIC LIBERTY* are deemed Offences, no Crimes are punished with more Rigor, with more Severity, with more implacable and remorseless Fury and Violence. Therefore, if these can be construed criminal, and no Assassin can be found to dispatch me with less Trouble and Expence, sooner, I am; it seems, to look for *Destruction* and *Death*, as the *due Reward* of, as consummate LOVE, as exalted Sentiments of DUTY and ALLEGIANCE, as ever were shewn a KING or GOVERNMENT by any Subject! All this can not be done without the Permission of that ALL-WISE POWER, which superintends and governs the whole Creation. And therefore, though my Sufferings be the more intollerable, because my Complaints were not permitted to reach HIS MAJESTY'S Ear, and I am probably to be one Way or other cut off, before they do; yet, I shall be prepared with Patience and Resignation to receive my Fate, as becomes a truly loyal Subject, a Christian, a Man; and be ready to seal those sacred Truths I have asserted, with the untainted Blood of a LOYAL and FREE MAN; without a desponding Thought for the SONS of LIBERTY, I leave behind me, or even for the poor, innocent Orphans, which I have been instrumental to bringing into the World, and which I have hitherto labored, rather to leave VIRTUOUS and FREE, than *rich* and *enslaved*! Them, I shall chearfully commit, with You, MY FELLOW-SUBJECTS and FRIENDS, and the great and glorious Cause for which I suffer, to that JUST and ETERNAL JUDGE, who never can fail of rewarding VIRTUE and LIBERTY, here and hereafter.

UPON the Vengeance and Destruction denounced against me, your Enemies are grown very elate. But, while I am yet permitted to Speak or Write, I must warn You against their Machinations. Can You suffer an *Alderman* of Dublin to glory in my Ruin?—will You choose one of them to serve You in Parliament?

ment? No; it is impossible! And yet, their Hopes are greatly raised of late: For, though some Days passed, they gave up the Cause and now confess, that Mr. *La Touche* and I shall carry the Election by a Majority of several hundreds; yet, they say, they have received Assurances of their Success by other Means and in another Place, which I am not at Liberty to Name, though they do, by what Authority I know not. If there were none other cause than this, to move You to prefer any Men to *Aldermen*, or even to reject *Aldermen*, if there were none others to be had, I think it should be sufficient to determine You in this Case. They have tried all means of undoing You already, and now to complete your Destruction, they would sap and over-turn the very Foundation and Being of your Constitution, which depends upon the Freedom of Elections!

AFTER this, who can think of voting for an *Alderman*, since voting for any of them promises their Electors nothing better, than sure Infamy and Ruin? Their main Artifice now, is to discourage You from voting for me, because of my being so obnoxious to Men in Power. But, You are to pursue the Rules of VIRTUE, JUSTICE and LIBERTY, unawed, uninfluenced by Power, or Authority; and if your Election should light on me, I promise You, I will prosecute and maintain your Right, while *Law* and *Justice* is to be obtained within HIS MAJESTY'S Dominions. If Corruption should become, so prevalent, that I should be cast, in any Instance, while Justice and Law are of my Side, it will still be an Honor to You and me, that We have gloriously endeavored to discharge our Duty to our KING and COUNTRY, regardless of all Opposition. They threaten me, most impudently and audaciously, with the *House of Commons*. Can it be supposed, by the most hardened Reprobate, that the HOUSE OF COMMONS, the REPRESENTATIVE BODY of the PEOPLE of IRELAND, will be offended at my contending by LAW, for the *Rights* and *Privileges* of the WHOLE KINGDOM, for the *Freedom of Speech* and the

the PRESS, and for a *free* and *uninfluenced* ELECTION? If it were possible to suppose such *Commons*, it would be an Honor to be censured and expelled by them: For, it would be a Disgrace to a free and honest Man, and could answer no End to his Constituents, that he should sit in such an Assembly. But, as our Commons, thank God! are loyal, just and free, it is the most unpardonable Insolence to insinuate, that they are capable of swerving, a single Shade, from JUSTICE, LAW and LIBERTY, the Principles of our Constitution. Whoever You ERECT *freely, fairly, and regularly*, that is not disqualified by Law, takes his Seat in the *House of Commons* of Course. Therefore, You are to let no Man, or Body of Men, dictate to You, whom You shall choose, or whom You shall not choose: For, if You suffer *Threats, Prejudgements* or *Dictates* to influence your Choice, You may bid farewell to the FREEDOM OF ELECTIONS, and consequently take your Leave of PARLEMENTS: Because, whenever the *Commons* come to be appointed by *Power* or *Influence*, the PEOPLE will no longer be *represented*, and *arbitrary Power* must rise upon the Ruins of the PUBLIC LIBERTIES; which, I hope, We shall never live to see!

Thus far, I thought fit to apprise You of the Machinations of those wicked Men, who know no way to Honor and Preferment, but by the Destruction of You and Your Country. How far you are to Countenance any of them, in the Election, or to be awed by their cruel and unjust Threats, or influenced by their alluring Smiles, I now, submit to your free and dispassionate Judgement.

LET me now present You with the following *Address* to his EXCELLENCY the LORD LIEUTENANT, as I delivered it to him on *Tuesday* last; and permit me to declare to You, to whom the most remote Recesses of my Soul, are always accessible, the Motives that induced me to take this Step, and the Consequences, by which it was attended.

It was ever a fixed Maxim with me, to pay all possible Respect to the lawful Rulers of the People, from the highest to the lowest Minister in the State; For the Truth of this, I dare appeal to mine Enemies.

As it is the indispensable Duty of every good Subject, to contribute his utmost Might to the Assistance of every wise and just Governor and Minister of State, so, I endeavored to cast my Mite into the public Treasure. And in order to lay open the Case of this City and Kingdom to our KING and to HIS CHIEF GOVERNOR, and, at the same Time, to vindicate mine own Character from the foul Aspersions industriously attempted to be thrown upon it, by designing Men, I determined to make another Effort to bring our Complaints before them.

WITH this Intent, I attended at HIS MAJESTY'S Castle on *Tuesday* last; presented HIS EXCELLENCY with two Copies of our great Charter, with the *Address* to the LORDS JUSTICES and the *Dedication* to the KING; to which was prefixed the following *Address* to HIS EXCELLENCY; and a Collection of all the *Addresses* to my FELLOW-CITIZENS. He did me the Honor, most politely to accept of the Books; and, most justly and judiciously, permitted me to explain my Conduct and to acquit my self of the Calumnies, and base Views, with which I was aspersed. Upon which, HE was pleased to express his Satisfaction, and to applaud the Sentiments of *Love* and *Loyalty* to HIS MAJESTY and his Governments, which I declared; and recommended my making them manifest in my future Conduct and Writings. Which I gladly promised to perform; and begged HIS EXCELLENCY would, at his Leisure, look over the Papers I had presented, and give me Leave to attend upon him again, to know his Thoughts on the Subject; and upon Occasion, to pay HIS EXCELLENCY every public, as well, as private Mark of Duty and Respect; to which, in my humble Apprehension, he humanely and generously conceded.

FULL of Gratitude for this Treatment, so becoming a good and great Man, I returned to my Business, and determined to let the World see none of the following Address. But, when I found, to my great Concern and Surprise! an unexpected Change wrought in HIS EXCELLENCY towards me, I thought it incumbent on me to let You see, that I have not knowingly or designedly been instrumental to the Provocation of HIS EXCELLENCY's Displeasure, which would have, no doubt, raised your just Indignation against me.

YESTERDAY, I attended at the *Castle*, with the Intentions and Purposes above-mentioned; which I humbly hope, were not discommendable. Nothing, but a most dutiful Regard for HIS EXCELLENCY, and a Prospect of serving You, MY FRIENDS and FELLOW-SUBJECTS, could have prompted me to pay painful Attendance at a *Leveè*, a Work for which, of all others, I was least qualified by Inclination, by Nature, or by Art. But, of this, I was soon eased: For, I had not attended above half an Hour, when a Gentleman, with whom I have not the Honor of being acquainted, but, whom I suppose some Officer about the *Castle*, from his Dress; delivered me the following Message, publicly in the *Leveè* Room; *Mr. Lucas, it is the Lord Lieutenant's Pleasure, that You stay no longer at the Castle.* Not a little surprised, I took the Liberty of asking, *Whether these were his Excellency's Commands?* to which, I was answered in the *Affirmative*. Upon which, I replied, *Sir, I gladly and readily obey his Excellency's Commands.* And, with a profound Reverence, took my Leave, of *Levees* and the *Castle*, probably for ever, unless I am under a Necessity of appearing there, on your Behalf, in a more public Capacity.

NOW, MY MOST BELOVED FELLOW-CITIZENS, FELLOW-SUBJECTS, and FRIENDS, examine this Paper with Care and Candor, and judge if there be any Thing in it, inconsistent with the *Duty* and *Allegiance*, I owe MY SOVEREIGN, with the *Duty* and *Respect*, I

owe HIS LORD LIEUTENANT, or the *Rights* and *Privileges* of a Subject; which every good Man is always ready to pay and to maintain.

FROM my Circumstances, judge of your own Situation. And by this excited, be careful and vigilant in asserting and defending your sacred and inviolable RIGHTS and LIBERTIES for the *Honor* of HIS MAJESTY, and for the *general Good* of his PEOPLE. Judge freely. Act dispassionately. Avoid idle Strife and vain Conteſts for Names and trifling Circumstances. Contend only for *your Liberties*, under the LAW, with Unity and Concord; and the Powers of the Globe can never prevail againſt You. Be not frightened by the baſe Notions, ſo induſtriouſly propagated by your Enemies, that OUR KING and the PEOPLE of *England*, look with a jealous and an invidious Eye, on your Attempts to recover and ſupport your Liberties. It is moſt wickedly injurious to both to inſinuate ſuch Falsehoods. That ſome Kings and Miniſters of *Britain* have been of this Mould, is undeniably, fatally evinced by our preſent Circumſtances; but, that neither the PRESENT KING, nor his *Britiſh* Subjects are of this Diſpoſition, is daily demonſtrated by the Conduct of both. That the KING has nothing more at Heart, than the FREEDOM and HAPPINESS of his PEOPLE, in general, his Enemies muſt confeſs. And, I do not believe, the People of this Kingdom, or City, are more warmly intereſted in the Freedom of this City, particularly, with Regard to your Succeſs in the impending Election, than are the People of *Great-Britain*, in general, the Citizens of *London*, *Briſtol*, and other great Cities, in particular.

BE not frightened or offended, MY FELLOW-CITIZENS, becauſe certain Men in Power can afford You no better Appellations, than *rude Rabble*, and *lawleſs Mob*. By ſuch Men the *Merchants* of *London* were called *ſturdy Beggars*. Follow the Example of theſe wiſe, loyal, free and great CITIZENS. Let the *Enemies* of your LIBERTY ſee, You deſpiſe them. And,
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that You dare assert your *Freedom* and *Rights* to the utmost Extent of the *LAW*. Then, let those, who break through the *Law*, dread the Consequences; they, not You, will incur the Appellation and the just Punishment of *Rabble*, *Mob*, *Traitors*, *Rebels*, *Tyrants*, and *Enemies* to their KING, their COUNTRY and their GOD.

LET my Fate move You to nothing but Steadiness and Unanimity in the glorious Cause of LIBERTY and TRUE RELIGION. Look upon *undeserved Abuse*, as an HONOR. And then, instead of answering the Ends of your *Abusers*, it will frustrate them, and redound to your *Comfort*, *Satisfaction*, and LIBERTY; to contribute to which, is the highest Pleasure and the utmost Ambition of,

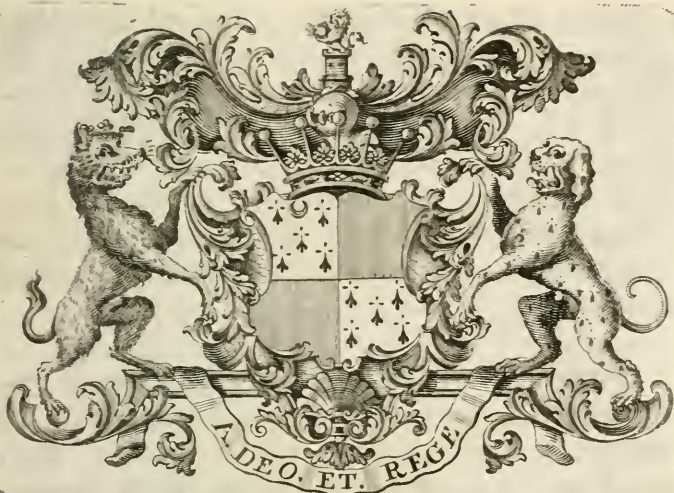
Your most devoted Friend,

and

Servant,

DUBLIN, *O^{tho}*.
7th, 1749.

C. Lucas.



TO HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM

EARL OF

HARRINGTON,

Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of

IRELAND.

May it please YOUR EXCELLENCY!

THE Love and Duty I owe MY SOVEREIGN, and the Regard I bear his Governments and Dominions, in general, those of this MY NATIVE COUNTRY, in particular, which are most intimately and inseparably connected and linked together, in one
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common Bond of Affection, Interest and Allegiance; prompt me to use all just and lawful Means to obtain an effectual Redress of the CAPITAL GRIEVANCES of this KINGDOM, and CITY, which no good Subject, or good Governor can over-look, or slight, consistent with the Principles of his moral, religious and political Obligations to our System of Civil Society.

THESE MOTIVES, which YOUR EXCELLENCY must be too wise and just, to condemn, or discourage; first induced me to contend with my *Fraternity*, for a *Reformation* of my Profession, in the Years 1735 and 1741, and since, with my *Superiors*, for the *Restoration* of the *Rights* and *Liberties* of the COMMONS and CITIZENS of this broken and reduced *Metropolis*.

IF YOUR EXCELLENCY will take the Trouble of Perusing this and the following *Address* to the LORDS JUSTICES, with the *Dedication* to the KING, I flatter my self, You will see such Causes assigned for the Courses, I have taken, to obtain some Redress of the heavy Grievances of which I complain, that, I must Hope, You will not only Pardon the Presumption of once more addressing, or attempting to address YOUR EXCELLENCY in this Manner, but allow there is some Degree of Merit in Struggling, through the many Dangers and Difficulties, that have been opposed to me, for the bringing, or endeavoring, to bring such important Truths to the ROYAL EAR, as, if regarded, must tend to the unspeakable

ble Honor and Advantage of the KING and PEOPLE of these *Realms*, in the Security and Welfare of each of which, I look upon my self to be equally interested and concerned.

HOWEVER, MY LORD, as the same Necessity, which first urged me to lay OUR COMPLAINTS before You, still strongly subsists, I should be wanting in the Duty of a *Citizen*, and a *Subject*, and fall short of the Character, I have endeavored to establish in Life; if I should slacken in my just Application to obtain a *Restoration* of our RIGHTS and LIBERTIES; and therefore, Regardless of the manifold Disadvantages of Station, Birth and Education, under which I labor, and of the numberless Misrepresentations made of me, by designing Men; I presume to make one Effort more to bring the COMPLAINTS of *Dublin*, before MY ROYAL SOVEREIGN; of the Greatness and Integrity of whose Soul, I am so fully convinced, that I am firmly persuaded, he wants but due Information, to redress the Grievances of his Subjects.

I AM well aware, MY LORD, that some of those great Men, who have thought fit to represent me to YOUR EXCELLENCY heretofore, as a *Mad-man*; will now set me forth in more hateful Colors. It is become much the Fashion, of late, to vilify me, to represent me, as a *riotous, tumultuous Incendiary, a disaffected*
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Person,

Person, a contemner of Government, of Magistracy, even of MAJESTY.

TO ACQUIT my self of these foul Imputations, I must beg YOUR EXCELLENCY will permit me to lay before You, a short Review of the Course, I have taken to obtain *Justice* and *Law*, the common Benefits of the Constitution of this my Country.

WHEN I first discovered the *Invasions*, made on the *Rights* and *Privileges* of the COMMONS and CITIZENS of this City, I tried all just and moderate Means to set Things to Rights, within the City; and though the *Invaders* gave me all manner of unjust, forcible, and cruel Opposition, and have now scarce left so much of the Traces of our Constitution, as might demonstrate, We had any; I still preserve the Respect due to the *Magistracy* of the City, though I can look upon it only as *de Faëto*, not *de Jure*.

FAILING of Redress within the *City Courts*, I had Recourse, with my Fellows, to the *Courts of Law*; and though We were attended with no better Success there, I can defy mine Enemies to shew the Instance, in which I failed to pay due Respect to the *Judges* of our Courts.

I HAVE, it is true, MY LORD, taken the Benefits, our Constitution admits, of *appealing* against, or *complaining* of, the Proceedings of some of *these Judges*, to an higher Power, to YOUR EXCELLENCY, as the *Representative* of HIS
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MAJESTY; whether or no the Terms in which I did so, were wrong or injurious, I humbly submit to YOUR EXCELLENCY's Recollection.

ONE of the most sensible Happineffes of our System of Government is, that every Person, who does but think himself aggrieved, by any Branch of the Subordinate Administration, has the Privilege of *appealing*, or *complaining* to a *Superior*, in a regular Gradation, from one to another, even to the SUPREME MAGISTRATE. This is a Privilege too sacred for any loyal Subject to give up, for any good Governor to Suppress.

WHEN, I first claimed the Benefits of this Privilege, and layed before YOUR EXCELLENCY, the COMPLAINTS of *Dublin*, it must be confessed, You heard me with Patience, with Humanity, with a tender Feeling of the Sufferings of the KING's Subjects, and some Pain for the Shocks given our Constitution. What unhappy Misrepresentations of *Facts*, or *Person*, or what unauthorised Arrogance or Insolence of *Servants*, prevented YOUR EXCELLENCY's taking the Steps in this Affair, that YOUR Wisdom and Justice promised; or afterwards, excluded me Access to YOUR EXCELLENCY's Presence; I can not take upon me to point out; but, as the same Principles of JUSTICE and LAW bind alike the *Small* and the *Great*; when I judged it expedient, and my bounden Duty, to *appeal* to OUR SOVEREIGN; I thought it necessary to let him see, that I had Recourse to the HIGHEST POWER here, before I presumed to trouble HIS MAJESTY; which then, not before, gave me
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the SUBJECT'S RIGHT, to apply for Relief to the THRONE.

I ADDRESSED the LORD'S JUSTICES of this Kingdom, in YOUR EXCELLENCY'S Absence. I presented them with the *Charter* and *Dedication*, which I now lay before YOUR EXCELLENCY, and prayed to have it transmitted to HIS MAJESTY. But, their EXCELLENCIES thought fit to decline granting my Petition.

THUS YOUR EXCELLENCY may see, the same Necessity still subsists, the same Principles prompt, and the same Motives, that before prevailed, still strongly induce me, with all Respect and Humility, to address YOUR EXCELLENCY, and to supplicate You, on behalf of my self, and the rest of my Suffering Fellow-Subjects and Fellow-Citizens, to forward the summary State of our Case, in the following *Charter* and *Dedication*, to the ROYAL PRESENCE.

THERE is another Reason, to me, no less cogent, for begging this Favor, with greater Earnestness, of YOUR EXCELLENCY: My Reputation is dearer to me than Life; that is rigorously, severely struck at: The most violent, the most lawless, the most inhuman Threats are daily uttered against me; for none other Crime, that I know of, than that of *complaining* of public Injuries, dangerous and destructive to the KING and to HIS PEOPLE. I have appealed to CÆSAR.—Shall CÆSAR's *Servants*, obstruct the laying my Complaints before the Throne? and even punish me for complaining? ——— Shall
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this be done, under the Administration of a
STANHOPE?——G O D forbid !

MY LORD, to sum up all my Desires and Intentions in a few Words; I only wish to discharge the End of my Creation, in fulfilling the Duty of a Subject, in every Station, to which it shall please ALL-WISE, ALL-RULING PROVIDENCE to call me, with due *Submission* and *Subjection* to every loyal and good Governor and Subordinate Magistrate, and an equal Right to oppose, by Law, and to complain of the Misconduct of all those, who endanger our Constitution, by invading the Rights of the Subject, or neglecting to discharge the Duties of their Stations.

IF in all, that I have hitherto attempted, with this Intent, I have done wrong to any Man, I am open to Conviction, and ready to make the fullest Attonement. Therefore, if I have advanced any Thing repugnant to the Principles of our Government, or inconsistent with the Rights and Privileges of the Subject, I humbly conceive my Intentions ought to be considered, and I should be properly examined, before the threatened Weight and Fury of Power be let loose upon me. It is not to be deemed beneath the Dignity of good Governors to inform active and well-meaning Subjects of Errors in their Conduct; if such can be made to appear in my Transactions, I shall from the same Principle, that I mean to advance Truths, in my Judgement, conducive to the Happiness of this City, and these Kingdoms, as readily, as publicly, retract Errors, or Mistakes.

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MY LORD, I must beg YOUR EXCELLENCY'S Indulgence to make one Declaration more.---At a Time, when *Ministerial Influence*, or *Court Dependence* is rather sought, than avoided, by Men of independent Fortunes, it may be suspected, that one of my low Sphere, may have some private or selfish Views in thus attending upon YOUR EXCELLENCY. To obviate such an Imputation, I thus solemnly declare, that though I wish to be always well understood, and, upon Occasion, well heard, by the Government; yet, even that, is only for the public Good; because, that, for my self, I have nothing to ask, nor any thing to fear from the highest Powers: My sole Ambition is to discharge the Duties of my Station. And, in so doing, I shall ever take Care to approve my self, HIS MAJESTY'S most unfeignedly loving, and loyal Subject, as well, as

May it please YOUR EXCELLENCY!

YOUR EXCELLENCY'S

most dutiful

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most faithful,

humble Servant,



